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Kitsap County: Martell Mobile Manor residents urged to boil water

OLYMPIA — Residents of the Martell Mobile Manor in Port Orchard should boil their tap water because *E. coli* has been confirmed in recent water samples.

The advisory only affects the mobile home park. The park is on Bethel Road.

The Department of Health and Kitsap County Health District are working with the water system operator to see how contaminants got into the water supply and how to fix the problem. Officials do not believe this latest problem is weather-related.

Residents were encouraged to boil their water in late October when routine water samples detected contamination. At that time, the reservoir was inspected, cleaned, and disinfected. The two wellheads were also improved. Samples taken in November detected no contamination.

Until the problem is corrected, residents should heat their tap water to a rolling boil for one minute before using it to drink, make ice, brush teeth, prepare food, or wash dishes.

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